

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 1/23/17 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin, Atty. Powers was absent. The minutes of the January 9 Utility Committee and Regular Meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no Agenda items, Clerks, Mayors, Managers, Law Director or Street Department reports.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY: Mr. Cohen stated there was a request from Sue and Don Smith, whose family has rented the very first shelter at the park on the 4th of July for the last 50 years, for permission to place a stone there memorializing Sis & Dale Meek, Ruth Meek Watt, Hugh Meek & Jack Meek at that pavilion. Mr. Elzer made a motion to allow the Smith's to place a memorial plaque at Shelters 19 & 20 seconded by Mr. Tyger, all in favor. Mr. Cohen stated that last spring council had tabled an ordinance in reference to fees and use of the Community Center for free, it was to have changes made and put back before Council but it fell to the way side. Mr. Cohen stated he intends to have that legislation brought back and on the agenda for the next meeting. He said he doesn't feel DOG Days should be required to pay for us of the center. At this point Mr. Walker stated that he also had a request; he recently lost his son Trevor in a car accident. Trevor had just made the basketball team and spent all of his time at the basketball courts at the park, that he loved it there. Mr. Walker said he would like to have some type of plaque put up at the courts in memorial of Trevor. Mr. Elzer said he thought that was a good thing and made a motion to approve the request seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer said the Architectural Design Board guidelines are done. He said there needs to be a meeting with Pete, John Simon and John Turner to figure out how to implement them. He also said there needs to be guideline for the park so it isn't a mismatch of different designs. He also stated that Christian House got final approval and is now open for business. At this point Manager Monteleone showed Council signs that he had made for the walking trail at the park including one for the parking area for trail going towards Negley. Mayor Zuch asked about the former Endia Wisser Photography building, Mr. Elzer said there is a dance/yoga studio going in there.

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated council has the ordinance to move forward with the water meter replacement, he stated the Finance Director came up with a payment schedule that will allow them to be paid for without raising water rates. Mr. Elzer said council has discussed raising water rates periodically so it doesn't have to be done all at once, he feels they should be raised on the per thousand gallons not the base rate. Raising it on the base hurts the people on fixed incomes, he asked the Finance Director to run a calculation on what the rates would have to be raised on the per thousand gallons to cover upcoming project costs. Mr. Todd stated that Ray Schwartz of NECO (water meters) was willing to come to the next meeting to answer questions about the water meter project. Mr. Todd announced a Utility Committee meeting for Thursday January 26th at 1pm at the Municipal Building with LSSE to further review possible alternatives for the I/I project. Monteleone stated they are working on a mid March meeting with EPA, Mr. Todd said there is a meeting in Columbus in February to hopefully get some answers as to what can be done with the laterals. Mr. Cohen stated he has requested from Atty. Powers an opinion from the Attorney General's office as to what we can legally do as far as using public money to work on private laterals. Mr. Elzer stated part of the cost of the meter replacement was hosting cloud based software for 20 years, he asked if that service was included in the quote. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated we currently and will continue to pay a yearly software maintenance agreement. She said it is a minimum fee.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John Herbert, Mary Anne Tyger, John Simon, Rick Gorby, Zach Gorby, John Davis, Dianna Elzer, Katie White, & Officer Richard Burbick.

LEGISLATION: In reference to the resolution for 317 E. Main Mr. Elzer asked about the cost of the demo and Monteleone said it would be between \$5000 and \$7000.00. In reference to the ordinance for Tax Exempt Leasing Corp Finance Director Traci Thompson stated that quote is on good for 14 days so she may have to get another quote after the third reading. Mr. Elzer asked about the fee change legislation for MVA's, asking if the change would just be for non residents as residents are free to which Monteleone said yes. Mr. Todd stated that for residents the insurance company is billed but whatever is not covered they are not responsible for. Mr. Todd asked if Medicount determined the dollar figures and Monteleone said yes. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 1-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending section 244.02 d of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine Ohio reflecting additional fees for motor vehicle accident and scene safety services provided by the Village Fire Department and personnel.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 2-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with NECO for the acquisition and installation of water meters, including necessary accessories and software system at a cost not to exceed \$700,000.00.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 3-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a financing agreement and execute all financing documents as required by Tax Exempt Leasing Corp to secure financing in the principal amount of not more than \$700,000.00 with interest at the rate of 2.89% for a term of 5 years for the acquisition and installation of water meters including necessary accessories and software system.** Mr. Yokley introduced Res. 1-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the village Manager on behalf of Council to enter into a contract with Medicount Management Inc. to provide billing services for motor vehicle accident and scene safety services.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Res. 1-2017. **Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 yes to pass.** Mr. Yokley introduced Res. 2-2017 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract for the demolition of the fire damaged structures located at 317 E. Main St. East Palestine Ohio and authorizing the Finance Director to certify the costs of demolition to the Columbiana County Auditor, pursuant to section 1470.12 f of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine Ohio.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Res. 2-2017. **Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 6 yes to pass.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH